Renovation of thodus.

15. **MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that owing to thodu poramboke land and adjoining banks being washed away during rainy season large areas of paddy land become silted up and remain uncultivated in various parts of South Travancore;

(*b*) whether any steps have been taken to prevent the above state of affairs; and

(*c*) what steps, if any, have been taken to renovate the thodus (തോട്) at Machayil in Marukil pakuthi, Kottukal in Kottukal pakuthi whose banks have been washed away years ago with the consequence that large areas of paddy lands remain silted up and uncultivated?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Improvements to the Machayil thodu have been investigated and the estimate is under preparation. As regards the Kottukal channel the maintenance grant has been increased from Rs. 100 to Rs. 200 per mile and an estimate for special improvement work is under preparation.

Minor Irrigation tanks.

16. **MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of minor irrigation tanks yet to be renovated in the taluks of Neyyattinkara and Trivandrum; and

(*b*) the area of paddy land which will be irrigated by them if they are renovated?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI:

	No. of tanks to be renovated	*Ayacut acreage.*
(*a*) & (*b*) In Neyyattinkara taluk	258	3000
In Trivandrum	150	2500

Kayamkulam—Adur Road.

17. **MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the very bad condition of the Kayamkulam – Adur Road especially within the Municipal limits of Kayamkulam; and

(*b*) how long has it been in that condition?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: (*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Manimala bridge.

18. **MR. K. G. KESAVAN NAIR:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Government are aware of the fact that the Manimala bridge is under water during rainy seasons;

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